

SARRESH et al  
Serial No. 10/045,024

Atty Dkt: 2380-442  
Art Unit: 2681

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 32 – 34, 44 – 49, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 – 8, 12 – 14, 19 – 23, 28, and 29.
2. Cancel claims 1 – 5, 11, 17 – 18, 26 – 27 without prejudice or disclaimer (for use, e.g., in a possible divisional application).
3. Rewrite claim 6 as an independent claim, and amend claim 9 to depend from claim 6, thereby rendering claims 6 – 10 allowable.
4. Rewrite claim 12 as an independent claim, thereby rendering claims 12 – 14 allowable.
5. Rewrite claim 19 as an independent claim, and amend claim 24 to depend from claim 19, thereby rendering claims 19 – 25 allowable.
6. Rewrite claim 28 as an independent claim, and amend claim 30 to depend from claim 28, thereby rendering claims 28 – 31 allowable.
7. Emphasize that dependent claims 40 – 43 depend from allowed claim 44, whereby dependent claims 40 – 43 are allowable (contrary to the rejection in the office action).
8. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

#### **B. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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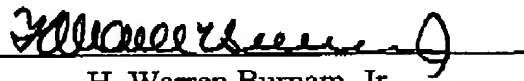
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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